

EXPECT TO COLLECT SUM OF \$53,000,000

SOUTHERN METHODISTS OUTLINE
PLANS FOR HANDLING GREAT
CENTENARY FUND.

Organization Will Collect Largest
Amount Ever Handled By Any
Religious Denomination
Anywhere.

The Centenary Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has announced its plan for collecting the \$53,000,000 which was pledged for the missionary work of the church in the recent eight-day drive. The plan was prepared and will be directed by Colonel John E. Edgerton, of Tennessee, the general centenary treasurer and the director of the department of finance for the Centenary Commission.

Colonel Edgerton is a well known business man. He is president and manager of the Lebanon Woolen Mills, president of the Tennessee State Manufacturers Association, and during the war he was a member of the executive committee of the war industry board appointed by President Wilson.

"Our slogan is no shrinkage," but an increase," said Colonel Edgerton recently. "Just as the Southern Methodist church has surpassed all records in securing pledges for benevolent purposes and has raised the largest sum ever given to any church at one time in the history of the world, so do we expect to set a new record in the collection of these pledges."

An Extensive Organization.

The organization through which these pledges will be collected has our centers of responsibility. The first is a general finance commission with headquarters at Nashville, headed by Colonel Edgerton. This commission has prepared the standard plan and will direct the entire movement, handing down to the various bodies throughout the church detailed plans for their guidance.

There will also be a conference cabinet in each annual conference of the church, about forty in number. These conference cabinets will be composed of the Conference Missionary Secretary, Conference Campaign Director, the Lay leader, and the Conference Centenary Treasurer. Each of these officials have certain specific duties, and will direct the work of collecting all the pledges in each annual conference.

In each of the four hundred districts of the church there is a similar cabinet composed of the Presiding Elders, the Lay leaders, Campaign Directors and the Chairman of the Methodist Minute Men. The Conference Missionary Secretary is an ex-officio member of all district cabinets. The work of collecting in the districts will be supervised by this district cabinet.

Twenty Thousand Churches.

In each of the 20,000 local churches there will be local cabinets composed of the pastor, the centenary treasurer, the campaign director, the lay leader, the chairman of the minute men, the Sunday school superintendent and the president of the Woman's Missionary Society. This cabinet will do all the actual work of collecting the individual pledges.

The persons who made subscriptions will be divided into lists of twenty-five and the lists will be placed in charge of a certain member of the church cabinet who will collect all pledges as they come due.

One feature of the standard plan is that the local church will be responsible for collecting the full amount of its subscription. If any subscriber dies or meets with misfortune such as to render it impossible for him to pay his pledge, it will be the duty of the church cabinet to secure another person to take the place of the one thus become delinquent.

It is also proposed that every new member who comes into the church shall also be asked to make a contribution to the Centenary fund.

The Centenary fund of \$35,000,000 will be used for the church in an extension of its missionary work throughout the world. Several million will be spent in the devastated regions of France, Belgium, Poland and Russia. Other millions will go to the seven foreign fields occupied by the church—Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, Africa, China, Japan and Korea. Other millions will be spent in the industrial sections of the great cities, in the mountains, among the immigrants, the negroes and the Indians, and in building churches in the missionary territory of the United States.

WILL CHARLESTON

SECURE A RESPITE

Rumored There Will Be Return of
Quart a Month.

DEMobilIZATION NEAR

Reported That President Will Soon
Make Declaration to This
Effect.

Hope is springing anew in the hearts of the old timers as there is keen anticipation of one more fling before the drought of national prohibition sets in for good. There are those who say they know and base their claim on the persistent rumors now being circulated that within a short time the President of the United States will declare demobilization of the army to be complete and with this declaration the country will return to its status, as regards prohibition, before July 1, 1919.

Should the announcement be made the sick rate in South Carolina is expected to register a decided advance for in this State only the unwell will be allowed to obtain one quart of the sparkling and self-satisfying liquid a month, as in the bygone days. This would last until January 1, 1920, when the national prohibition amendment will go into effect.

When Congress passed, the army prohibition law, putting national prohibition into effect until the army had been demobilized, the national amendment had not yet been passed, in fact the armistice had not been signed. It is stated that the President will have the power to declare when the army is completely demobilized and that Congress will not have to be consulted as to the country returning to the same status as existed before July 1.

So persistent are the rumors that in New York liquor dealers are said to have made preparations to have their federal licenses renewed. Soda fountains, which have taken the place of the former barrooms in all of the large hotels will probably be replaced and "moxies," "dopes," "Sundaes" and the like will be replaced by the "cock tails," "wines," "cordials" and the "straights."

A person in Charleston, whose June quart arrived just too late to be taken out of the express office, in putting in a claim to the dealer is said to have been advised to wait as the old order of things would return in September.

When asked as to what effect the declaration of the President that demobilization had been completed would have in this county, Mr. William H. Dunkin, acting judge of probate, said that he would immediately write for the opinion of the Attorney General of the State as to whether permits for a quart a month would be legal and that he would act on his opinion. However, the consensus of opinion is that the quart a month would be legal and that there would be a tremendous rush on the probate judge's office. More than one lawyer has given his opinion that the old law would become effective immediately.

Those who desire more than the small allowance would probably migrate to damper territory and that there would be many pilgrimages to New York, Baltimore and other Northern cities, is assured. Various excuses of business or otherwise would serve as a means of making trips before Christmas that could otherwise be postponed until next year. One last fling, and make it a good one, will be the cry of the oldtimers. The respite would give cause for much celebrating and celebrating there would be. Interest in the action of the President in the matter is high and there is high and there is much speculation as to the course he will pursue.

SAYS POISON WILL

KILL BOLL WEEVIL

Senator Ransdell Gives Results of Calcium Arsenate Tests.

Washington, Aug. 25.—According to Senator Ransdell, of Louisiana, who is himself a large grower of cotton, the boll weevil is about to be conquered by poison.

The Louisiana Senator, with frequent corroboratory interruptions by Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, who is familiar with similar experiments conducted in that State by the Department of Agriculture, made a detailed statement on the subject to the Senate a few days ago.

Mr. Ransdell's own words will give the substance of his conclusions in a way to interest all cotton growers:

Mr. President, it is thought by those who have investigated the subject carefully and I am one of them, that a remedy for the boll weevil pest in cotton has been discovered through a poison known as calcium arsenate, which was developed in Talulah, La., at an experiment station conducted for the Department of Agriculture by Mr. B. R. Coad, an able scientist, under the Bureau of Entomology.

"Some of the largest planters in the

Mississippi Delta have tried it extensively. One of these is Prof. J. W. Fox, of Scott, Miss., who is general manager of the largest cotton plantation in the world. He says in a letter addressed to me under date of August 15: 'I am now ready to say unqualifiedly that this poison will control the weevil at a cost which is not prohibitive.' Another very large planter of Mississippi is Mr. Alex. Y. Scott, who is manager of several successful plantations near Rosedale. He indorses the poison in unqualified language.

"Then I have a letter from Mr. A. W. Barrett, of Albany, Ga., to which I call the attention of the Senator from Georgia. This letter seems to indorse the poison very strongly and calls the attention of the people of Georgia to it.

"Mr. Coad gives the results of experiments made by a gentleman in Louisiana, Mr. P. J. Venerable, of Jeanerette. He made a test last year on a small field of five acres of cotton—two fields, rather, of two and one-half acres each in separate plots. One-half of each plot was poisoned and the other half not poisoned. Mr. Coad says: 'Average yield per acre for the two varieties of cotton tested by Mr. Venerable was 159 pounds of lint cotton per acre in his unpoisoned cotton and 463 pounds of lint cotton per acre in his poisoned cotton.' Anyone who is a cotton grower knows that that is a marvelous gain; that a yield of 463 pounds of lint cotton is a very satisfactory yield and that 159 pounds is certainly not profitable."

CATT'S ACTION IS PROTESTED

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 24.—A mass meeting attended by 2,500 citizens of Polk County, held at Bartow today, resolutions were passed protesting against the order of Governor Catts issued yesterday, removing Sheriff Logan from office. Committees were named to wait on the Governor at Lakeland, but when they reached his hotel they found the Governor had gone to Plant City and would not return until Monday.

Sheriff Logan will not receive his formal notice of removal until Monday, as it is necessary to send to Tallahassee the necessary legal forms. When he learned today that several hundred persons were on their way in automobiles to see the Governor, he hurried ahead and met the committees at the hotel where the Governor was registered. Sheriff Logan would not allow the committees to go upstairs to the Governor's apartments, fearing it was said, that there might be a display of personal feeling.

Governor Catts and Assistant Attorney General Trammell are expected to return to Tallahassee Monday night. They came to the phosphate mining region for the purpose, it was said, of endeavoring to settle the which has been going on for several months. Complaint against the sheriff was first made by striking phosphate miners, who claimed he showed favoritism in handling the situation.

BAPTIST SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION CAMPAIGN

The Baptist of South Carolina are definitely co-operating with the Baptists of the South in a great drive for subscriptions for Missions, Education, and General Benevolence, in the sum of \$75,000,000, to be raised on a five-year plan during the eight days beginning November 30th and ending December 7th. South Carolina Baptists have accepted as their quota in the great drive the sum of \$5,500,000. This constitutes the largest undertaking ever assumed by the denomination in South Carolina and in the South, but by no means too large for them to raise with comparative ease. It only requires the general enlistment of all the membership. This will be done during the next four months through an organization, which is being perfected, that will reach every member in every church throughout the State and the South. An every-member canvass of every church in the South will reveal their willingness to do a big thing and their ability to do far beyond anything that has been imagined in all the past. The Baptists are so numerous that no individual will be called upon to do more than he has the ability to do, yet all will do more than they have ever done.

The big campaign was opened for South Carolina in Columbia Tuesday, July 22nd, when there were assembled with the general organizers, the associational organizers and publicity from every part of the State. The leaders of the Women's Missionary Societies were there in full force and are actively participating in the campaign. The Baptist women of the South have agreed to raise one-fifth of the entire sum, or \$1,100,000. The men and women who came together in Columbia exhibited an intelligent grasp upon the greatness, the worthiness, and the necessity of the undertaking, and these qualities were matched by a burning enthusiasm to put the job over at whatever cost and in a truly great and worthy manner.

The headquarters of the campaign in South Carolina are located at Greenville, with Drs. W. T. Derieux and Chas. A. Jones, General Directors, President W. J. McGlothlin of Furman University as State Organizer, and Rev. Thos. J. Watts, State Sunday School Secretary, as State Publicity Director.

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